

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application Claims 57, 58, 60-65, 67-72, 74-79, and 81-84, of which Claims 57, 64, 71, and 78 are independent. The Examiner will appreciate that Claims 59, 66, 73, and 80 have been cancelled and the subject matter has been incorporated into the aforementioned independent claims.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration together with entry of those amendments and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

Applicant acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 59, 66, 73 and 80 recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has cancelled each of those claims and incorporated their subject matter into the independent claim from which they depend. Accordingly, each of independent Claims 57, 64, 71, and 78 have now been placed in allowable form.

The remaining claims in this application are dependent claims which depend either directly or indirectly from one of the above independent claims and therefore likewise in condition for allowance.

Applicant request of this Amendment After Final. The amendment merely cancels four claims and incorporates their subject matter into the independent claim from which they depend. Accordingly, no significant additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office is necessitated by this Amendment and this application is now been placed in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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